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TUESDAY, MAY 12, 1914.

Weather forecast for South Carolina: Fair Tuesday; Wednesday cloudy.

Get busy.

"Clean-up Week" began today.

See what you can accomplish before Saturday.

Let's swat every fly in town by starving this insect pest.

Let's have a Chautauqua instead of so many carnivals and other "cheap" shows.

Little courtesies are the bright flowers that bloom along life's steep, rugged pathway.

This town can be made as clean as any other and we should resolve to see that it becomes so.

"Seems to us the primary will have to be remade instead of reformed," says The Greenwood Daily Journal.

Let the farmers ponder well these wise words from The Gaffney Ledger: "There is more profit in pork for the planter, than there is in politics."

The President went to the circus last week, a privilege South Carolinians will enjoy as soon as the biennial county to county performance begins.

A town that can furnish a parade like the one Lancaster witnessed May Day should certainly be able to pull off a county fair. But how's the time to be getting ready for it.

Did you make a good start today for clean up week? If you did, keep up the good work. If you didn't, get busy tomorrow. Remember the trash will be collected Thursday.

Candidates for the various offices are slow in announcing themselves. Put your names before the people, you who would have their votes, and let them be making up their minds.

You cannot but appreciate the good work the Civic League has undertaken this week. Please help them, then, with the needed spring cleaning. Their efforts deserve your support. Let the slogan be "For a City Beautifully Clean."

Many white roses were worn Sunday for our people know the meaning of a mother's love and took advantage of this beautiful custom of paying tribute to an influence stronger and sweeter than any other.

We read that there will be a "campaign against stagnant pools" in the work of sanitation at Vera Cruz, which reminds us that such work might be done by the town this week in connection with the work of the Civic League.

Clean your house this week, under your house, in front of your house, back of your house and everywhere else that you find in need of cleaning. Let the owners of stores do likewise. Let the town look after the streets and ditches. If every agency does its part, the fly will be swatted mightily.

"The inhabitants will find themselves under strict rules of sanitary conduct," says a dispatch from Vera Cruz. There are strict rules of sanitary conduct here in South Carolina, which Lancastrians would do well to observe. If sanitary regulations are enforced in Mexico, they should certainly be enforced in South Carolina. We call upon the town board of health to follow up the work that is done this week by a tour of inspection.

REFORM PRIMARY RULES.

It is now a foregone conclusion that ample safeguards will be thrown around the primary by the state convention, which meets May 20th, and this is what every honest voter should wish to have done. We do not believe that this is the time to make so drastic a change as to require the state law for qualification of voters as a rule of the party for qualification in the primary. The state laws require residence in the state two years, the county one year and the precinct one month. This may be all right later on, but at this time, less drastic measures will meet the ends desired.

The following suggestions made by The Greenville Piedmont, are along the right line:

"1. Throw away every club roll, as there probably is not an honest one in the state and it will be easier to make new ones than to use those now in use, which contain the names of dead people, people who have moved away, etc.

"2. Make every man apply in person to the club secretary for enrollment or in writing. Provide a form for application in writing, with provision for attest by the person who carries the application to the secretary.

"3. Require that the residence of each club member be stated on the rolls.

"4. Allow no man in a city to join a club outside his own ward.

"5. Require Democrats in the country to join the club nearest his residence.

"6. Require closing of the club rolls 20 or 30 days prior to the election.

"7. Require secretaries to prepare duplicate alphabetical rolls and deliver one copy to the clerk of court 15 or 25 days prior to the primary.

"8. Require that the rolls in the hands of the clerk of court and those in the hands of the various secretaries shall be open for inspection for ten days.

"9. Require the county committees, or executive committees representing the county committees, to meet 5 or 15 days before the first primary to hear protests against the right of any name or names to be on the rolls.

"10. Require the county committees to promptly decide such protests, to remove names of persons shown not to be entitled to membership and to certify the rolls as finally determined and furnish same to the primary managers at the various precincts as the poll lists for the election.

"There is a real reason for each of the suggestions outlined above. We will discuss the various suggestions from day to day and will be pleased to publish short articles from Democrats containing any suggestions they may wish to make as to the best way of holding a primary, which will be an honest and fair test as to the will of the majority of white men qualified under the present party constitution to vote in the party primary."

WE ADHERE TO OUR CLAIM.

"Far be it from us to disagree with a lady. The editor of The Lancaster News asserts that Senator E. D. Smith knows more about farming than any man in Congress. If that last word had been 'senate,' instead of 'Congress,' we would imitate the claim. But, we are impelled to inquire of the fair presiding genius of our Lancaster exchange if she ever heard of another South Carolinian, one A. F. Lever, who is reputed to know some little something about farming and is therefore chairman of the great agricultural committee of the house? He has done some great things for the farmers of the country in general and of the South in particular. And we might gently whisper that we think there are farmers in South Carolina and elsewhere who have stuck to the farm and know more about real farming than Smith and Lever put together, with probably a few dozen other farmer congressmen and senators thrown in for good measure."—Greenville Piedmont.

We would not for anything detract from the work of the brainy young congressman from the seventh district, for the recent Lever agricultural extension bill, which he successfully enacted into law, alone stamps him as a statesman keenly alive to the interests of the farmer, but Senator Smith, who is his senior by many years, has thereby had considerably more experience on the farm than has Congressman Lever. They are both, indeed, "horny-handed sons of toil," but we contend that in a show up of the palms of the hands, the "horns" developed by the attrition of the hoe and plow on the palms of the senator are more plainly evident than on those of the able young congressman.

This from The Yorkville Enquirer is a strange charge for one newspaper to be making against others, which are just as interested in the welfare of the producers of wealth as is The Enquirer: "There is something of a lull in the state warehouse discussion. As a matter of fact, South Carolina papers are not disposed to discuss the subject at all. The thing looks too much like real benefit to the fellow who produces the wealth of the country." On the contrary it looks too much like a scheme to advance the interests of one particular candidate for governor, who, while professing to be a great lover of the people, was averse to submitting his warehouse scheme to their vote.

RECOGNITION OF NEWSPAPERS.

The city council of Camden, in recognition of the services of its newspapers in the advancement of the interests of the city, without any asking from the papers, in making up its annual license on occupations, did not as heretofore, include its newspapers in the list. The city council of Camden is to be commended for this and other municipalities would do well to take similar action. There is no one force in a community that works so unselfishly for its advancement as the newspaper. If the space taken up in boosting the town was charged for at the usual rate it would run up into the thousands of dollars. Therefore to tax newspapers for doing business is poor recognition of their services.

The town council of Lancaster, when licenses on occupations were first required, made the license on newspapers \$5, and with job office combined \$7. From then on it was advanced until the council preceding the one now in office, fixed the tax on newspapers and job office combined at \$75, but on petition for a reduction reduced it to \$50. The present council fixed the license for both paper and job office at \$35. But this is more than any newspaper published anywhere in a city of Lancaster's size is paying, where they are made to pay anything at all. Chester imposes no tax on newspapers, and in other places of Lancaster's population, where any tax is imposed, it is merely nominal.

We commend the action of the city council of Camden to other municipalities in the state.

Our fellow members of the Civic League speak encouragingly of the fine start our people have made at cleaning up. Let the good work go merrily on.

"Swat the coat-tail swinger," is the excellent advice of The Orangeburg Times and Democrat.

From Other Papers

Let's Set Her Right.

The trouble seems to be that South Carolina is wrong primarily. —Spartanburg Herald.

Never.

Arresting editors on charges of "libel" and beating them up in their offices will not suppress a free press. —Newberry Observer.

Highest Officer.

The highest officer at Vera Cruz is a South Carolinian. We refer, of course, to the army aviator, Lieut. Bellinger, who goes over the head of General Funston himself. —News and Courier.

An Index to a Town.

The three great educative forces in a place are the church, the school and the local paper. The way these are supported proves the intelligence or otherwise of the community, and also of its morality. —Orangeburg Times and Democrat.

The Mud That Soils.

At this particular juncture in the course of human events in South Carolina we may well consider a saying of Lowell's—"All experience goes to show no mud can soil us but the mud we throw."—Greenville News.

"Dreads the Truth."

Watch the politician who is always whining about newspaper lies. When you look upon him you see a man who can do stunts that would make Ananias ashamed of himself. It is not lies he dreads, but the truth. —York News.

Born to Oppose the Right.

One of the old philosophers said: "Man was born for mutual assistance." That is not the way many look at it now. Many think that they are born to kick, to pull down, to oppose everything that is right. —Spartanburg Journal.

Vote for the Best Man.

You vote for the best man for senator, governor and all other officials, use your mind, and do not depend on some one else to dictate for whom you shall vote. Don't vote against some fellow just because some one you do not like is for him. —Abbeville Medium.

Not Surprising.

In this state, which stands at the bottom in the scale of illiteracy, there may be some people who will believe the governor's claim that the war department wanted the militia to encamp at the Isle of Palms for the purpose of carrying them off without warning to the battlefields of Mexico. —Pee Dee Daily.

People Who Make Us Glad.

There are some lovely people in this great world of ours that remind us of fragrant flowers. Whenever they draw near, we are glad, but know not why. They may not possess physical beauty, or riches or marvelous intelligence, but are the embodiment of peace. They inspire us for they are full of inspiration of the highest order. These people are like a quiet lake beside which grow tall and beautiful plants, which, when reflected in the water, makes a pleasant picture. There is no jarring, nor a ripple on the mirror-like water. The colors of earth and sky harmonize exquisitely. Birds sing a soft lullaby into their ears. The world with its din is only a sweet memory. —Cheraw Chronicle.

See the Self-Player Pianos. Any one can play them.

COUNTY NEWS

DOUGLAS.

Special to The News.

Douglas, May 11.—It isn't any use to grumble about the hard luck, we will get rain by and by.

Our school closes Thursday with Miss Eula Hyatt of Van Wyck as teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Williams of Lancaster spent the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Stegner, the latter's parents.

Miss Essie Carnes of Lancaster was the guest of the Misses Sallie and Annie Addison, Sabbath.

Mr. J. L. Tillman visited Van Wyck recently.

Misses Pauline and Viola Beckham were visitors in the community the past week-end.

Our Sunday school expects a pleasant day down on the Catawba river Saturday at Gooches' ferry. It extends a special invitation to all others as already published.

Mr. J. L. Tillman says that if we will send him to the legislature he will put the hammer doodle on the whiskey and tobacco question. Good, let's send him.

HEATH SPRING.

Special to The News.

Heath Spring, May 11.—Children's Day was observed at Beaver Creek church with appropriate exercises on Saturday, the 9th inst. Addresses were delivered by a number of invited speakers and a bountiful dinner was served.

Mother's Day was appropriately observed by the Rich Hill Baptist Sunday school on Sunday, the 10th. The exercises were concluded by a talk on "Some Mothers in History," by the pastor.

Mr. W. F. Mobley, principal of the public school at Cowpens during the past session, has returned to his home here.

Miss Doll Morris of North Augusta is spending a while with her sister, Mrs. J. B. Bushardt.

Little Sarah Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Williams, who has been sick, is improving.

Dr. J. W. H. Dyches is attending the annual session of the Southern Baptist convention at Nashville, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Jones are living in the Mackey house recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Bell.

Mr. W. B. Twitty spent several days at Liberty Hill last week.

Mrs. S. C. Gardner had the misfortune to sprain an ankle recently, from which she has suffered a good deal for the last few days.

Prof. and Mrs. Bushardt motored to the Haile Gold Mine Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Manly Croxton and children came over by auto to visit relatives Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Ellis and Ruth spent Sunday with Mrs. Lewis Robertson at Pleasant Hill.

Dr. Cauthen of Charlotte was at Pleasant Hill on professional business Sunday.

Mrs. Dessie Hinson of Lancaster, after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Vaughn, returned home Sunday night.

Mrs. Mattie Johnson is reported quite sick at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Nannie Mobley.

Messrs. S. C. McMackin and Robert Therrell drove down to Kershaw after dinner Sunday.

Miss Flossie Crenshaw of Lancaster spent Sunday afternoon in Heath Spring.

Mrs. E. B. Mobley and Taylor, and Mrs. Dyches, spent Saturday afternoon in Kershaw.

Messrs. H. H. Horton and L. J. Mackey of Lancaster were in town Monday.

OAKHURST.

Special to The News.

Oakhurst, May 11.—School closed here Friday with simple exercises by the pupils in the afternoon. On Saturday a picnic was held on the grounds, and with the delightfully pleasant day, it can be called a successful picnic. As usual, on such occasions, the dinner was the central feature, and it would be impossible to name all the good things spread. Suffice it to say it was a bountiful dinner, as well as a most appetizing one. The ladies of Oakhurst have always been noted for the abundance and variety of good things to eat, and they know how to prepare, and this occasion was no exception.

In the afternoon the patrons and friends assembled in the school building, and were entertained by talks from Superintendent Lingle, Rev. Mr. Weldon, pastor Heath Spring M. E. church, and Mr. L. R. Rollings, trustee. Mr. Lingle's talk was along the line of the importance of improvement of schools in general, Oakhurst in particular, and the duties of patrons and trustees. Mr. Weldon spoke of the splen-

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did opportunities open to the boy and girl of today. The parents, he admonished to see that their children are trained physically, mentally, and spiritually. The school, under the management of a teacher consecrated to the work of teaching, can be a great factor in this character training. Mr. Rollings reviewed the past year's work, expressing himself well pleased with the work accomplished, and urging that more interest be taken by all. During the afternoon also the subject of a new building was discussed, and judging from the enthusiastic approval of such a proposition, we shall have a new building in a short time. The ladies of the Improvement Association served refreshments during the day and realized quite a neat little sum from their work.

Concert to be Given at Heath Spring. A delightful concert is in prospect for Heath Springs. It will be given Friday evening, May 15, for the benefit of the Heath Springs high school. Mr. McDermid and his brilliant little violin class, composed of four pretty girls, and other well-known musicians of Lancaster will also accompany him. Altogether, a most enjoyable entertainment is promised, and we bespeak for this worthy cause a liberal patronage. Admission, adults 25c, children 15c.

Settle It by Elimination. It has been suggested that John Bull would do well to put the suffragettes against the Ulsterites. In that way two very vexatious questions might be settled satisfactorily by the elimination of all contending parties. —Athens Banner.

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